

MPAs not returning assembly library books

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LAHORE, Jan 1: Several incumbent and past members of the Punjab Assembly, including two former Speakers, have reportedly failed to return books borrowed from the assembly's library even after the passage of several years.

This has been pointed out in an Audit and Inspection Report on the financial affairs of the assembly which recommends immediate recovery of the books or their price.

The report for years 1994-98 has been prepared by the office of the Punjab Audit director-general. It has been submitted to the authorities concerned, including the chief secretary, for action.

The members from whom books are overdue include former PA speakers, Mr Manzoor Wattoo and Mr Haneef Ramay.

The report says the members have not returned the books despite several reminders. Assembly staff said efforts were being made to recover them.

The MPAs mentioned as defaulters in this respect are: former speaker and chief minister Manzoor Wattoo (1985-88): *May's Parliamentary Practice*, 18th Edition, *Decision of the Chair*, *National Assembly of Pakistan*, Vol I, II, III & V (four sets), *Shahab Nama*, *Main Nay Dhaka Doobtay Dekha*, *Ta Damay Tehreer*, *Pressure Cooker* and *Hama Yaaran Dozakh*.

Former speaker and chief minister Muhammad Haneef Ramay (1993-96): *Decision of the Chair*, *National Assembly of Pakistan* Vol III, *Quaid-i-Azam: Pakistan aur Dunya*, *Separation of East Pakistan*, *The Complete Speaker Handbook*, *Punjab Budget 1995-96*, *Amendments in the 1973 Constitution*, *The Constitution of the Republic of Turkey*, *The Constitution of Japan*, *Tuzke Taimoori* and *Parliamentary Privileges in India*.

Former speaker Saeed Ahmad Manais (1992): *Erskine May's Parliamentary Practice*.

Former MPA from Jhang Syed Chiragh Akbar Shah (1991): *Punjab Assembly Debates* (two sets), *Erskine May's Parliamentary Practice*, *Practice and Procedure of Parliament* by M.N. Kaul.

Former MPA from Chakwal Fauzia Behram (1990): *Politics, Security and Development in Small States* by Colin Clarke, *The Oxford Book of Political Anecdotes* and *Rural Development in Pakistan* by Shoaib Sultan Khan.

MPA Muhammad Azam Cheema (1993): *Parliament of India* by Subhash, *Privileges of Members of Parliament in India* by Hans Raj and *Erskine May's Parliamentary Practice*.

Former minister Sardar Arif Rashid (1985): *Urdu Encyclopaedia*.

Communication and Works Minister Muhammad Afzal Sahi (1997): *Speeches of Finance Minister 1994-95*, *1995-96* and *1996-97* (three sets).

Parliamentary Secretary for Cooperatives Chaudhry Muhammad Azeem Ghuman (1997): *Punjab Assembly Debates* Vol 6, No 6-16, 1973.

Former MPA from Rawalpindi Chaudhry Muhammad Hanif (1991-92): *Punjab Assembly Debates* (four sets).

Former MPA from Jandiala Kalsan, Sheikhupura, Wajid Ali Khan (1991): *Erskine May's Parliamentary Practice*.